GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BURDEN OF SCHOOL BAGS ON CHILDREN
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the plight of school going children carrying heavy school bags on the back everyday; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in implementation of the recommendations made by the Yashpal Committee in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In the 50th Meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), State Governments have expressed their broad agreement with the recommendations of the Yashpal Committee. The Government have impressed upon the State Governments from time to time for expeditious implementation of the recommendations. The implementation of these recommendations has been initiated by most States and Central Agencies.